

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **William E. Sonnier, et al.** Examiner: **Barbara P. Badio**
Application No.: **10/060,022** Group Art Unit: **1612**
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Title: **PROCESS OF EXTRACTING AND PURIFYING PHYTOSTEROLS AND PHYTOSTANOLS FROM TALL OIL PITCH** Attorney Docket: **C 3424 US (P40372 USA)**

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 2, 2009

Sir:

This paper is our response to the Final Office Action dated July 2, 2009. Submitted herewith is a request for a three-month extension of time. Also submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination, together with the appropriate fee. If any additional fees are required to further the prosecution of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1943.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this reply.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this reply.